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THE SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN

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CONCLUDING SPIDEY'S ADVENTURE IN THE SAVAGE LAND

GUEST STARRING

KA-ZAR &

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

MOMENTS AGO, THEY WERE SURROUNDED --

-- HAVING JUST LEARNED THAT THE ROXXON OIL CORPORATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLOODING OF THE TROPICAL PARADISE CALLED THE SAVAGE LAND...

...SPIDER-MAN --

-- ALONG WITH HIS ALLIES, KA-ZAR, LORD OF THE SAVAGE LAND -- AND HIS CHARMING WIFE, SHANNA, THE SHE-DEVIL --

-- SOON FOUND THEMSELVES AMBUSHED BY A CADRE OF HEAVILY-ARMED ROXXON SECURITY SOLDIERS WITH ORDERS TO SHOOT TO KILL!

AND, AS IF THAT WASN'T GONNA BE A WAY-COOL, ACTION-PACKED, HOCKEY-GAME OF A FIGHT --

-- THEY ALSO DISCOVERED THAT THEY WERE **ALL** SURROUNDED BY THE HUMAN-HATING **STEGRON** --

-- AND HIS **OWN** ARMY OF MIND-CONTROLLED **DINOSAURS!**

STAN LEE
Prehistorically Presents:

INUNDATED!

DELUGE PART THREE

MANKIND HASSS ***DESSSTROYED*** THE ***OUTERWORLD*** --

-- BUT HE WILL ***NOT*** DO THE ***SSSAME*** TO ***MY HOME!***

FINALLY, I HAVE ***RETURNED*** TO THE ***SSSAVAGE LAND,*** ***EAGER*** TO FIND ***PEACCCE*** LIVING ***HERE*** WITH MY BRETHREN --

-- ONLY TO FIND IT ***INFESSSTED*** WITH ***MAN*** AND HISSS ***MACHINESSS! NO MORE --!***

TODAY MARKSSS THE ***DAWN*** OF A ***NEW ERA*** -- AN ***AGE*** BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ***RESSSURGENCE*** OF THE ***SSSSAURIAN*** --

-- AND THE COMING ***EXTINCTION*** OF ***MANKIND!***

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NOW MY BROTHERSSS -- KILL THE HUMANSSS!--

--KILL THEM ALL!

ONCE HE WAS HUMAN HIMSELF...

A GENETICIST, Dr. VINCENT STEGRON, PARTICIPATED IN RESEARCH TO UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF CELLULAR REGENERATION. WORKING WITH DINOSAUR TISSUE --

-- Dr. STEGRON INTRODUCED AN EXPERIMENTAL SERUM INTO HIS OWN SYSTEM, TRIGGERING NOT ONLY A TRANSFORMATION IN HIS PHYSIOLOGY --

-- BUT STIRRING UP DARK, ANCIENT REPTILIAN MEMORIES!

MEMORIES OF A TIME WHEN DINOSAURS STILL RULED -- BEFORE MAN WRONGFULLY ASSUMED THE ROLE OF DOMINANT SPECIES!

MEMORIES OF A TIME HE NOW FIGHTS TO RESTORE.

IT IS A BATTLE SYMBOLIC IN MANY WAYS --

-- MAN VERSUS BEAST --

CHOW CHOW

HRAK!

KRUNT

HRRRK

THWUD

-- TECHNOLOGY VERSUS NATURE --

SWAK

-- RIGHT VERSUS WRONG!

KA-ZAR -- THIS IS *STUPID!* WE DON'T HAVE *TIME* FOR THIS!

Uh-Oh.

WAK

CHOW

KICK

THE DAMS COULD BURST ANY SECOND NOW!

IF WE DON'T GET EVERYBODY OUTTA HERE LIKE -- TEN MINUTES AGO -- WE'RE ALL GONNA DROWN!

WE GOTTA STOP THIS FIGHT!

WAP

KRUNK

THUNK

KA-ZAR..?

WHUD

HOOF!

HEY, KAZAR !?!

YEAH, I HEAR YA!

I'M JUST NOT ANYWHERE NEAR DONE BEING MAD ABOUT ALL THIS YET!

GO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND SOME WAY TO CONVINCE STEGRON --

-- WHILE SHANNA AND I TRY TO KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO THESE ROXXON JERKS!

THIS IS *SENSELESS!* WE'LL BE *FLOODED* --

-- OOPS! ROXXON GUY GOT THE DROP ON ME...

RAARH

ZABU?!

AIEE!

THANKS, *'BU..!*

STEGGY! -- WILL YA JUST STOP *SWINGING* AND *LISTEN* FOR A SECOND?!

WE'RE RUNNING *OUT OF TIME!* WE'VE GOT TO --

-- *STOP* THIS *FIGHTING!* DON'T YOU *GET IT?*

ROXXON *SOLD YOU SHORT!* YOU'RE ON A *SUICIDE MISSION!* WE'RE *ALL* --

-- *ALL* IN *JEOPARDY!* WHEN THOSE *DAMS* GIVE OUT, WE'LL *ALL* --

-- *ALL* BE *DEAD!*

I *WON'T* LET THAT *HAPPEN* --

YOU THINK *YOU'RE* THE *ONLY ONE* FIGHTING FOR YOUR *HOME..?!*

LOOK, STEGGY --

"-- AREN'T YOU TWO FIGHTING FOR THE SAME THING..?

SKRASH

I WON'T LET THEM **FLOOD** THIS **VALLEY!**

I WON'T LET THEM DRIVE EVERYTHING **OUT** OF THE **SAVAGE LAND** JUST SO THEY CAN HAVE THEIR **FILTHY OIL!**

I WON'T LET ROXXON THINK THEY CAN WIN!

HNGH

WE'RE NOT ***HELPLESS*** --

-- AND WE'RE NOT GONNA LET THEM ***TAKE*** OUR ***HOME.***

SKRAASH

YOU SSSPEAK THE ***TRUTH,*** SSSPIDER-MAN -- HISSS ***DEDICATION*** TO THE ***SSSALVATION*** OF THIS LAND MAKESSS HIM A ***WORTHY ALLY*** --

-- I WILL ***LEND*** MY FORCCCESSS TO YOUR ***FIGHT.***

RRRRRUMBLE

WHAT --

I-IS IT THE FLOODS?!

NO...

THEY HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR DAYS --

-- THE GAMMA-BORN GOLIATH, THE INCREDIBLE HULK, AND THE MAMMOTH MYTHICAL MONSTER KNOWN AS THE CHTYLOK...

...THRASHING EACH OTHER -- POUNDING ONE ANOTHER THROUGH THE VERY EARTH IN A CATACLYSMIC BOUT OF SHEER STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE!

THEY ERUPT FROM THE GROUND LIKE A GEYSER -- FROM TUNNELS FAR BENEATH THIS SAVAGE LAND --

-- A LABYRINTH OF CAVERNS AND PASSAGES BURROWING DEEP DOWN INTO THE PLANET'S CORE!

CHOOOM

AS SEEN IN THE PREVIOUS TWO ISSUES! AND BY THE WAY, WHERE WERE YOU? YOU'RE NOT OUT THERE TRYING TO HAVE A LIFE OF YOUR OWN AGAIN, ARE YOU? -- Reprimanding Ralf.

THEY'VE FOUGHT LONG --

-- AND FAR --

SOLAM

KROOM

-- BUT IT'S OVER!

HEY, STEGGY -- YOU AND THE BOYS WANNA JOIN THE TEAM..? HERE'S A NEW GAME --

-- IT'S CALLED PILE ON!

GO!

RAAAHR!

RRRRR!

ROARRR!

WELL, ***THERE'S*** SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE EVERY DAY...

GOOD TO SEE YA, ***HULKIE!***

I DUNNO WHAT YOU AND ***"FOGHORN"*** THERE WERE ***TUSSLING*** ABOUT --

-- BUT THAT'S QUITE A ***CRATER*** YOU GUYS MADE! AS A MATTER OF ***FACT*** --

-- HEY, ***KAZE*** -- ARE YOU THINKING WHAT ***I'M*** THINKING..?

LISTEN -- I'VE GOT AN IDEA, BUT IT'S GONNA TAKE EVERYBODY'S HELP...

...***EVERYBODY!***

RUB A LAMP, JERK.

A SHORT TIME LATER --

-- AT THE U.N./S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND STATION, SITUATED ON THE UPPER RIM OF THE SOON-TO-BE SUBMERGED SAVAGE LAND --

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "THE RELAY STATIONS HAVE GONE OFF-LINE"..?

-- DOCTOR GERALD ROTH, HEAD OF ROXXON'S PROJECT TO "SAVE" THE MELTING GLACIERS, RECEIVES SOME VERY UNSETTLING NEWS.

THOSE STATIONS PROVIDE US WITH THE ENERGY WE NEED TO MELT THE ICE-CAPS -- IF WE LOSE THEM, WE CAN'T FLOOD THE SAVAGE LAND!

AND IF WE DON'T FLOOD IT, IT REMAINS A PROTECTED RESOURCE, NOT OPEN TO OIL EXTRACTION!

NOW GET SOME WORK CREWS DOWN THERE AND FIX --

KRASH

-- WHA --?

WHERE'S ROTH?!

WE'VE GOT YOUR **NUMBER**, ROTH!

WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO **SAVE** THE GLACIERS -- YOU'RE **MELTING THEM!**

ROXXON HAS NO HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS -- ROXXON'S ONLY INTEREST IN THE SAVAGE LAND IS IN THE **OIL** UNDERNEATH IT!

GO AHEAD, ROTH -- GIVE ME A REASON!

DENY IT! I BEG YOU --

AHEM! WELL,

ACTUALLY, WHILE ROXXON HAD NO ***PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE*** OF THESE VAST ***OIL RESERVES*** --

-- CERTAINLY YOU MUST ***AGREE*** THAT THESE ***SAVAGES*** HAVE NO USE FOR --

HURK!

I OUGHTA KILL YOU!

ALL YOU DO IS SIT UP HERE IN YOUR ***IVORY TOWER*** AND THINK ABOUT YOUR ***OIL*** AND YOUR ***MONEY*** --

-- NEVER CONSIDERING THE RESULTS OF YOUR ACTIONS --

-- NEVER WONDERING WHO ***SUFFERS FOR YOUR GREED!***

I WANNA *KILL* YOU SO *BAD*, ROTH, YOU *ARROGANT, CONDESCENDING SLIME!*

YOU'RE SO FOND OF CALLING *THEM "SAVAGES"*, BUT THEY WOULD *NEVER* DO TO *ANYONE* WHAT *YOU'VE DONE* TO *THEM!*

THEY'RE MORE *CIVILIZED* THAN YOU COULD EVER *HOPE* TO BE, YOU *SCUM* --

-- AND SO AM *I!*

HUNH!

TAKE ROTH AWAY! POST A *GUARD* -- I WANT HIM *CONFINED* TO HIS *QUARTERS!*

LORD PLUNDER... *KA-ZAR..?!* I... I'M *SORRY*, WE... *DIDN'T KNOW...*

...I-IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN *DO?* ANY WAY WE CAN *REVERSE* THE *DAMAGE..?*

JUST ONE *SLIM CHANCE*, AGENT TOWNSEND -- AND *BELIEVE ME...*

"...WE HAVE OUR *TOP MEN* WORKING ON IT."

GO, MY BROTHERSSS -- TEAR DOWN THE HUMANSSS' SSSTRUCTURE!

DESSSTROY THE CITADEL THAT WOULD DESSSTROY OUR HOME!

AND, MANY MILES TO THE WEST --

SEE..?! I *TOLDJA* THIS WAS GONNA BE *FUN!*

KRRRRRRRR

RRRRRRIPP

SPK

SK

SKIK

WELL, LET'S *GO!*

WE'VE ONLY GOT A COUPLE MORE *MILES* TO GO!

YEAH.

SNAP

AND ELSEWHERE...

...NO, YOU DON'T *UNDERSTAND*...

...WE'VE BEEN *FOUND OUT!* THAT *KA-ZAR* AND HIS *DISGUSTING NATIVES* CAME *RIGHT UP HERE* AND *SPILLED* IT *ALL* TO *TOWNSEND!*

THE *UNITED NATIONS* AND *S.H.I.E.L.D.* NOW KNOW OF OUR *TRUE MOTIVES* TO *INUNDATE* THE SAVAGE LAND AND *SECURE* THE *DRILLING RIGHTS* FOR *ROXXON!*

YOU HAVE TO *GET ME OUT OF HERE! PULL* SOME *STRINGS!* SPEND SOME *HUSH MONEY* TO *COVER THIS UP!*

*UNFORTUNATELY FOR **YOU**, ROTH, THAT IS **NOT** OUR **INTENTION** AT ALL.*

*WE, HERE AT **ROXXON**, CANNOT AFFORD TO BE **IMPLICATED** IN THIS MATTER. WE INTEND TO SIMPLY **DISAVOW** ANY KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR ACTIONS.*

*OUR **REPORTS** WILL **INDICATE** THAT YOU ACTED **ON YOUR OWN, OVERZEALOUS** IN YOUR ATTEMPT TO **CLIMB** THE **COMPANY LADDER.***

BUT... BUT...

*THIS WILL BE OUR **LAST** TRANSMISSION, ROTH --*

*-- **GOODBYE.***

THEY'VE *HUNG ME OUT TO DRY!* I'M THE *SCAPEGOAT!*

ALL THE *BLAME* WILL FALL ON *ME!*

WELL, I'M NOT GOING DOWN *ALONE!*

I CAN STILL *ACCESS* THE *EXPLOSIVES* FROM HERE --

-- AND IF I CAN *DETONATE* THEM *SIMULTANEOUSLY* -- *BLOW ALL THE DAMS AT ONCE* --

-- HOPEFULLY, I CAN TAKE THAT *FILTHY SAVAGE DOWN WITH ME!*

BOOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BAWHOOM

BOOM

BOOM

CHOOM

CHOOM CHOOM

SKRP

SKK

KRKL

WHAT TH --

Eh?! DID THESSSE HUMANSSS DECCCEIVE ME..?!

KEVIN..?

WHAT THE SAM HILL WAS THAT?

EXPLOSIVES, SIR...

...ROTH MUST'VE HAD THEM RIGGED TO ALL THE DAMS THAT SURROUND THE SAVAGE LAND.

MY GOD.

THE ECHOES FROM THE EXPLOSIONS STILL REVERBERATE ACROSS THE VALLEY --

-- AS BILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER ROAR DOWN INTO THE LOWER LEVELS OF THE SAVAGE LAND!

AN INCREDIBLE FORCE OF NATURE --

-- IT DESTROYS EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH!

DRAWN BY GRAVITY, IT CASCADES DOWN THE VALLEY WALLS --

-- SEARCHING FOR THE BOTTOM OF THE ENORMOUS BASIN --

-- SEEKING ITS OWN LEVEL!

OKAY, SPIDEY --

-- THIS BETTER WORK.

AND IT DOES!

AS THE CRASHING, RUSHING WATER POURS DOWN FROM ALL SIDES --

-- CREATING A WHIRLPOOL --

-- SPIRALING DOWN INTO THE CRATER CARVED BY THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE MIGHTY HULK AND THE RAMPAGING CHTYLOK!

COMMANDER TOWNSEND -- Dr. ROTH HAS ESCAPED!

OKAY, HILL -- TAKE SEVEN MEN -- I WANT ROTH CAPTURED AND --

NO...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH THOSE EXPLOSIVES -- THIS WHOLE AREA SHOULD BE UNDERWATER BY NOW!

BUT SINCE IT'S NOT, I'LL TAKE MY REFUGE IN THIS GODFORSAKEN WILDERNESS UNTIL I CAN FIND A --

...LET HIM GO...

AND --

NO! THEY WON'T GET ME! I'M NOT GOING TO JAIL --!

-- I REFUSE TO TAKE THE FALL FOR THIS ENTIRE DEBACLE!

SKRAK

WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'M *SURE* THAT I HEARD SOME KIND OF *BEA* --

THWAMM

HUNH!

WUMP

MY GOD -- *WHAT* DID I RUN INTO?! IT FELT LIKE A...

...A...

SKRAAAW!

AAAAAAAIIII

IT WAS ONLY BY ***NECCCESSSITY*** -- TO ***SSSAVE*** OUR ***MUTUAL HOMESSS*** -- THAT I DEEMED TO ***JOIN*** WITH YOU, ***KA-ZAR*** --

-- BUT ***KNOW*** THAT WHEN ***NEXT*** WE ***MEET***, IT WILL BE ASSS ***ENEMIESSS!***

THEN, WITH ALL DUE ***RESPECT***, STEGRON -- I HOPE I NEVER SEE YOU ***AGAIN.***

HE'S GOT A NICE WAY OF SAYING ***GOODBYE***, DOESN'T HE..?

LISTEN, KAZE -- IT WAS ***GREAT*** SEEING YOU, MAN, BUT I GOTTA ***BOOK***, TOO.

HEY, TAKE CARE -- AND ***THANKS!*** IT WAS ***YOUR*** IDEA THAT ***PULLED IT ALL TOGETHER!*** WE --

*<YOU **SEE**, LORD KA-ZAR -- IT WAS AS THE **LEGEND** FORETOLD -- IN THE END IT **WAS** THE **CHTYLOK** THAT SAVED US! -->*

*-- **RISING** **UP** FROM THE EARTH TO **PROTECT** **US** FROM **DISASTER!***>

*<THE CHTYLOK **RETURNS** TO THE EARTH NOW TO **SLEEP** --*

*<-- BUT SHOULD **OUR** **PEOPLE** HAVE **NEED** OF IT **AGAIN** --*

*<-- THE **CHTYLOK** WILL RISE UP FROM HIS ENDLESS SLUMBER ONCE MORE!>*

...WHAT'D HE SAY?

Uh...

...HE SAID *"**THANK** **YOU**"*...

THE ***WEB-THWIPPIN'*** END!